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Foreword

Over the course of 2024, the Office for Disarmament Affairs will ensure that it remains agile and fit for purpose to support disarmament in all its aspects. The Office will continue to support multilateral disarmament efforts, provide impartial and up-to-date information to Member States on disarmament issues and support the development of disarmament measures after armed conflict.

In 2022, several key disarmament meetings that had been postponed owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, were held. The ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention adopted a substantive final document, as did the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. The tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was, however, unable to adopt an outcome document. Despite this, the Conference was able to establish a working group to strengthen the review process of the Treaty.

Nonetheless, the disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation regimes remain under significant strain. The continuing threat posed by nuclear weapons and concerns regarding other weapons of mass destruction pose existential risks to humanity. The threats and challenges from emerging technologies with potentially destabilizing applications are increasing the likelihood of armed conflict extending into new domains, such as outer space and cyberspace. The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the importance of adequate preparedness to prevent and respond to biological risks.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs will continue to deliver efficiently on its mandates and assist Member States in supporting their disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation efforts.

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A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022

Overall orientation

Mandates and background

- 4.1 The Office for Disarmament Affairs is responsible for supporting multilateral efforts aimed at achieving the goal of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control. Its mandate derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the final document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament (resolution [S-10/2](#)). Weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, remain a major concern owing to their destructive power and the continuing threat posed to humanity. The deteriorating global strategic environment is also exacerbating such concerns. Global concerns regarding other weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons, remained significant, demonstrating the importance of adequate preparedness to prevent and respond to biological risks. The Office also provides support for combating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons and works on the identification and analysis of emerging issues, including new technologies, and their impact on international security.

Strategy and external factors for 2024

- 4.2 The Office will ensure full implementation of its legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures. It will continue to support multilateral negotiations and deliberations and provide expertise and practical solutions, while building confidence and trust. It will continue to facilitate the reconciliation of disparate positions among Member States resulting from a volatile international security environment. The Office will seek to mitigate the risks that it faces in carrying out its mandate and will continue to implement its strategic plan, first launched in 2021 and scheduled to run through 2025.
- 4.3 The Office will continue to ensure that it has the capacity and capability to deliver its mandate effectively. It will be guided by existing frameworks, including relevant elements of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Secretary-General's peace and security and development reforms, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions. The Office will also be guided by *Securing Our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*, in accordance with the mandates of the Office, and continue to facilitate the internal integration of disarmament issues into the Organization's work, especially in the area of prevention, thereby laying the groundwork for new partnerships and greater collaboration and effectiveness.
- 4.4 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional, national and local levels, the Office will continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with other international, regional and subregional organizations in the areas of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. Through its three regional centres and the liaison office in Vienna, the Office continues to strengthen global disarmament initiatives by promoting, facilitating and strengthening regional cooperation among States and regional and subregional organizations and arrangements. The Office will further enhance its partnerships with a diverse range of stakeholders in order to achieve the planned results. Through such partnerships, it will be able to effectively meet regional and national disarmament and arms control priorities, while simultaneously building greater local disarmament capacity and enhancing the viability of regional frameworks.
- 4.5 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, the Office will continue to pursue cohesive approaches within the United Nations peace and security pillar, as well as with other specialized United Nations agencies and other entities. Through existing processes and tools, the Office will coordinate with other United Nations entities to enable a holistic approach to addressing risks associated with arms, thereby contributing to conflict prevention, the protection of civilians and

international peace and security. It will also enhance its partnership network within the United Nations system and among Member States to raise awareness of the potential multifaceted linkages between disarmament and development.

- 4.6 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 is based on the following planning assumptions:
- (a) The political environment is supportive of disarmament efforts;
 - (b) Political developments, in particular those related to international relations in peace and security, are conducive to the facilitation of negotiations on new arms limitation and disarmament agreements;
 - (c) Member States are willing to implement the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of relevant meetings and conferences;
 - (d) International organizations and entities provide cooperation;
 - (e) National institutions support the promotion of equal opportunities for women in all decision-making processes as well as the promotion of meaningful and inclusive participation and engagement of young people in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.
- 4.7 The Office integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate, in line with organizational mandates and policies for mainstreaming a gender perspective into policies and programmes in the United Nations system (see Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/6) and associated departmental action plans. The Office will continue to accord high priority to assisting Member States in the implementation of Security Council resolutions on women and peace and security and to assisting States, upon request, in promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control and gender-sensitive policymaking and programming in line with General Assembly resolution 65/69 and subsequent resolutions on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. The Office will support the collection of data on the representation of women and men in disarmament meetings and education on gender mainstreaming related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control to support the activities of its five subprogrammes.
- 4.8 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy and General Assembly resolution 74/144, the Office will continue to implement its departmental action plan and work collaboratively with other United Nations entities to accelerate the full and effective mainstreaming of disability inclusion. This will include the promotion of accessibility and the equal participation of persons with disabilities in disarmament discussions and decision-making processes.
- 4.9 The Office will continue to facilitate youth engagement and promote the meaningful and inclusive participation of young people in discussions in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, in line with General Assembly resolution 76/45 on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation.

Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned

- 4.10 The continuation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic into 2022 had an impact on the implementation of mandates, in particular through the number of conferences, events and activities that took place in 2022 after being postponed in prior periods. This resulted in a more comprehensive agenda, including both the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, under subprogramme 2, and the ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention, under subprogramme 1, which were postponed from 2020 and 2021, respectively. In addition, all three sessions of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, under subprogramme 3, were held in 2022, rather than one being held in 2021, as originally envisaged. Furthermore, two planned sessions of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues, originally planned for 2021, were further delayed until 2023. Under subprogramme 5, the United Nations

Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean was able to deliver half of its assistance in 2022 in a virtual or hybrid format, having transitioned its assistance delivery modality during the pandemic to include virtual platforms and enhanced its e-learning platforms and tools to ensure uninterrupted support to Member States.

- 4.11 The Office continues to mainstream lessons learned related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, including making use of hybrid sessions to facilitate wider participation in meetings and events, as appropriate and in accordance with decisions taken by Member States in the context of General Assembly-mandated meetings. The Office has also made use of virtual or hybrid sessions, such as for training, as appropriate and while maintaining opportunities for intricate and complex negotiations and issues.

Legislative mandates

- 4.12 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

General Assembly resolutions

S-10/2	Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly	68/33	Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control
59/95	Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee	76/234	Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security
62/272	The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy		

Security Council resolutions

1325 (2000)	1977 (2011)
1540 (2004)	2055 (2012)
1673 (2006)	2117 (2013)
1810 (2008)	2118 (2013)
1887 (2009)	2475 (2019)

Subprogramme 1

Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

74/50 ; decisions 75/516 , 76/515 and 77/514	Nuclear disarmament verification	76/64	Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects
75/31	Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament	77/63	Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction
76/47	Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	77/81	United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services
76/62	Report of the Conference on Disarmament	77/95	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

Subprogramme 2 Weapons of mass destruction

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

42/37 C	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention	77/38	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East
42/38 C	Notification of nuclear tests	77/47	Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament
54/280	Agreement to regulate the relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization	77/50	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol
		77/54	Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
55/283	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	77/56	Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status
		77/57	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons
64/35	International Day against Nuclear Tests		
69/44	The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation	77/65	Nuclear disarmament
72/31	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations	77/66	Eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee
73/71	Fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia, 2020		
Decision 73/546	Convening a conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction	77/74	Reducing nuclear danger
		77/75	Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
76/48	Universal Declaration on the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World	77/91	The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East
76/231	Reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours	77/250	Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space
		77/251	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities

Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

77/33	Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures	77/69	Transparency in armaments
		77/71	The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects
77/45	Relationship between disarmament and development	77/72	Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms
77/49	Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium	77/80	Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them
77/61	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels		
77/64	Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices	Decision 77/547	Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus

Subprogramme 4 Information and outreach

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

47/53 D	World Disarmament Campaign	77/37	Programme of action to advance responsible State behaviour in the use of information and communications technologies in the context of international security
Decision 54/418	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters		
57/60	United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education		
75/61	United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education	77/43	Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament
75/80	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme	77/44	Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control
75/240 ; 77/36	Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security	77/48	Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
76/45	Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation	Decision 77/512	Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240

Subprogramme 5 Regional disarmament

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

Decision 77/511	Maintenance of international security – good neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe	77/84	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
76/17	Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace	77/85	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
77/59	Regional disarmament	77/88	United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament
77/60	Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context	77/93	Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region
77/83	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa		

Deliverables

4.13 Table 4.1 lists all cross-cutting deliverables of the programme.

Table 4.1

Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	3	3	3	3
Meetings of:				
1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
2. The Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1
3. The Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1

Evaluation activities

- 4.14 The following evaluations completed in 2022 have guided the proposed programme plan for 2024:
- (a) Office of Internal Oversight Services triennial review in 2021 and 2022 on the implementation of its recommendations made in its report entitled “Evaluation of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs” (IED-18-007);
 - (b) Evaluation of the training on gender mainstreaming of the Office for Disarmament Affairs;
 - (c) Evaluations of projects within the relevant subprogrammes.
- 4.15 The results and lessons of the evaluations referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024. For example, following the evaluation of the training on gender mainstreaming in 2022, the online training module on gender and disarmament on the Disarmament Education Dashboard was updated and merged with internal training on gender mainstreaming, in order to ensure greater coherence with and links to relevant resources for mainstreaming a gender perspective in disarmament and to explain the role of disarmament in the women and peace and security agenda, as well as relevant gender equality forums and intergovernmental decisions.
- 4.16 An evaluation of the Office’s outreach initiative, Youth for Disarmament, in support of General Assembly resolution [76/45](#) on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation, is planned for 2024.

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1

Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation

Objective

- 4.17 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation in all its aspects, as required by States parties to existing multilateral agreements and the Conference on Disarmament.

Strategy

- 4.18 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide support for negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament and in conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral agreements on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation in all its aspects at the organizational, procedural and substantive levels;
 - (b) Render assistance and provide support for the follow-up to decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation agreements;
 - (c) Implement the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme.
- 4.19 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Effective and efficient holding of the meetings of the Conference on Disarmament and of the various treaty bodies falling under the remit of the subprogramme;
 - (b) Strengthened operational viability and compliance with treaty obligations and adherence to and/or implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action, as well as increased reporting by States parties;

- (c) Enhanced expertise of Member States in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation through participation in the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme.

Programme performance in 2022

Agreement by States parties on an expanded intersessional programme for the Biological Weapons Convention

- 4.20 The postponed ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention was held in Geneva from 28 November to 16 December 2022 to review the operation of the Convention in accordance with its article XII and to review progress made by States parties in the implementation of the Convention and progress in the implementation of the decisions and recommendations agreed upon at the eighth Review Conference. The subprogramme provided technical implementation and substantive secretariat support to the President and Vice-Presidents of the Conference and to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the established committees. The agreed final document includes decisions on a new intersessional programme for the period from 2023 to 2026 and the establishment of a new working group to identify, examine and develop specific and effective measures, including possible legally binding measures, and to make recommendations to strengthen and institutionalize the Convention in all its aspects. The working group will address measures on: (a) international cooperation and assistance under article X; (b) scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention; (c) confidence-building and transparency; (d) compliance and verification; (e) national implementation of the Convention; (f) assistance, response and preparedness under article VII; and (g) organizational, institutional and financial arrangements.
- 4.21 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.2).

Table 4.2

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
–	The five Meetings of Experts of the Biological Weapons Convention and the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention that had been postponed in 2020 owing to the COVID-19 pandemic were held	The ninth Review Conference agreed upon the establishment of a working group open to all States parties in order to strengthen the effectiveness and improve the implementation of the Convention in all its aspects

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: improved impact and versatility of the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.22 The subprogramme's work contributed to participants in the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, in particular from the global South, having an enhanced understanding of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, as well as access to additional e-training resources, including the Office for Disarmament Affairs-United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research disarmament orientation course, which met the planned target.
- 4.23 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.3).

Table 4.3
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
—	United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme participants have an enhanced understanding of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control through access to increased online resources	United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme participants, in particular from developing countries, have an enhanced understanding of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, as well as access to additional e-training resources, such as the Office for Disarmament Affairs-United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research disarmament orientation course, including after completion of the Programme	United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme participants have access to additional training resources	United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme participants have access to expanded training resources, including the mandatory online introductory component to the Programme

Result 2: advanced discussions on the risks and benefits of emerging technologies in biological sciences

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.24 The subprogramme's work contributed to the decision of the ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention to develop, with a view to its establishment, a mechanism to review and assess scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention and provide States parties with relevant advice, and to the establishment of a working group on strengthening the Convention to make appropriate recommendations to enable the mechanism to be established, which met the planned target.
- 4.25 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.4).

Table 4.4
Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
Two informal webinars on topics related to the meeting of experts on science and technology were organized, as well as one webinar on the specific topic of reviewing advances in science and technology	Convergence among States parties on several aspects of a review mechanism for science and technology under the Biological Weapons Convention Development of the Tianjin Biosecurity Guidelines for Codes of Conduct for Scientists by academics from China and the United States of America, supported by the Governments of China and the United States. The Guidelines were subsequently endorsed by the Inter-Academy Partnership Unit	The ninth Review Conference decided to develop, with a view to its establishment, a mechanism to review and assess scientific and technological developments relevant to the Biological Weapons Convention and provide States parties with relevant advice	States parties converge on certain aspects of the risks and benefits of advances in science and technology under the Biological Weapons Convention	The working group on strengthening the Convention develops recommendations on establishing a mechanism to review and assess scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention

Result 3: increase in deliberations and eventual negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 4.26 The General Assembly, at its first special session on disarmament, recognized the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community (see resolution [77/89](#)). The subprogramme has consistently assisted the States members and Presidents of the Conference, as well as the coordinators of the subsidiary bodies, and has provided advice and substantive support, including in the preparation of draft documents, background papers and research. There has been an upsurge in substantive discussions and an increase in the frequency of meetings, in particular with regard to the subsidiary bodies, the coordination meetings between the six Presidents of the year with the last President of the previous year and the first President of the following year, and meetings of the President with the regional coordinators. Requests from States members for substantive support linked to the thematic discussions and events and to the subsidiary bodies (in 2018 and 2022) have also increased. The subprogramme's work helped to support continuity in the work of the six Presidents of the year through the provision of support in various areas, including research, the drafting of official documents and statements of the Secretary-General of the Conference and the provision of advice and substantive support to successive Presidents. The subprogramme also led the establishment of subsidiary bodies in 2018 and 2022 and organized substantive events on selected topics at the request of successive Presidents.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 4.27 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the secretariat of the Conference can strengthen its institutional capacity for support to better respond to the requests of States members of the Conference. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will invest more time and resources in developing the research and drafting capacity of junior staff, who will also shadow more experienced staff. The programme expects that the strengthened capacity will offer States members greater continued support for convening thematic debates, drafting documentation and conducting research, as well as greater opportunities to support informal meetings, upon request, and support coordination among States members and successive Presidents of the Conference.
- 4.28 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.5).

Table 4.5
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Dialogue among the States members of the Conference is maintained despite the COVID-19 pandemic	Increased continuity in the work of the six successive Presidents allows for coordinated thematic discussions States members put forward a proposal to update the rules of procedure to recognize equality between women and men	The Conference on Disarmament adopted two of the five reports of the subsidiary bodies and a procedural report of the Conference to the General Assembly	States members have access to increased support for convening thematic debates, drafting documentation and conducting research, as well as greater opportunities for informal meetings in support of coordination among States members and successive Presidents of the Conference	States members of the Conference reach agreement on a possible way forward, leading to discussions on possible areas of convergence for codes of conduct, confidence-building measures or pre-negotiations

Deliverables

- 4.29 Table 4.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.6
Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	187	479	176	259
1. Documents, verbatim records and reports of the Conference on Disarmament	86	154	86	86
2. Report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme	1	1	—	1
3. Documents of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues	3	19	3	—

Part II Political affairs

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
4. Documents of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	32	38	32	32
5. Documents of the Meetings of the Working Group, Meetings of States Parties and the ninth Review Conference to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	–	216	–	80
6. Documents of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, of the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V and of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems	45	37	35	40
7. Documents of the Review Conference and Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions	20	14	20	20
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	190	222	171	189
8. Consultations and meetings of the Conference on Disarmament	95	105	95	95
9. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues	22	21	22	–
10. Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	10	10	10	14
11. Meetings of the Working Group, Meetings of States Parties and the ninth Review Conference to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	–	42	–	36
12. Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V, meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Meeting of Experts on Protocol V	55	36	36	36
13. Meetings of States Parties and the Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	8	8	8	8
Conference and secretariat services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	190	222	171	189
14. Consultations and meetings of the Conference on Disarmament	95	105	95	95
15. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues	22	21	22	–
16. Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction	10	10	10	14
17. Meetings of the Working Group, Meetings of States Parties and the ninth Review Conference to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction	–	42	–	36
18. Meetings of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the annual conferences of its Amended Protocol II and Protocol V, meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Emerging Technologies in the Area of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, the Group of Experts of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II and the Meeting of Experts on Protocol V	55	36	36	36
19. Meetings of States Parties and the Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	8	8	8	8
Documentation services for meetings (thousands of pages)	10.6	12.8	10.6	10.6
20. All meetings serviced by the subprogramme	10.6	12.8	10.6	10.6
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	7	7	3	4
21. On the Biological Weapons Convention	7	7	3	4

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	70	70	70	70
22. United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme	70	70	70	70
Technical materials (number of materials)	–	1	–	–
23. On the submission of confidence-building measures and on national implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention	–	1	–	–

C. Substantive deliverables

Databases and substantive digital materials: databases relating to annual national reports on compliance, Protocol V and Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, explosive remnants of war under Protocol V to the Convention, articles 7 and 8 (9) of the Convention on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, and article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions; electronic reporting system for the confidence-building measures and the cooperation and assistance database of the Biological Weapons Convention; website relating to the Conference on Disarmament, the Geneva Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, including web pages on financial matters, fissile material, the Biological Weapons Convention, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Anti-Personnel Landmines Convention, the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme and the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: briefings and outreach materials (physical and digital) on disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation to the Geneva-based permanent missions and governmental, non-governmental and civil society organizations; digital tools to improve national reporting and compliance (Biological Weapons Convention and Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons).

Digital platforms and multimedia content: web pages on financial issues in support of conventions serviced by the subprogramme; digital tools to improve national reporting and compliance.

Subprogramme 2 Weapons of mass destruction

Objective

- 4.30 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance disarmament and non-proliferation in all aspects of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

Strategy

- 4.31 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Facilitate and support the process of negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons and their means of delivery;
 - (b) Support the full implementation of international instruments dealing with the disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, including the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty;
 - (c) Support Member States in their negotiations on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction;
 - (d) Provide substantive and technical support to office bearers of the First Committee and the Disarmament Commission;

- (e) Continue to raise awareness of the dangers posed by nuclear weapons, including through substantive and technical support to the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and the International Day against Nuclear Tests;
 - (f) Strengthen cooperation with other relevant intergovernmental organizations, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency, in areas such as nuclear security and non-proliferation, and expand interaction, as appropriate, with civil society, in particular research and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems;
 - (g) Continue its close cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to promote the universality and full implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
 - (h) Support efforts to ensure accountability for the use of chemical weapons by, inter alia, supporting OPCW efforts in this regard and by working with members of the Security Council in order to build unity on the issue. The subprogramme will also continue to provide briefings to the Council on the implementation of resolution [2118 \(2013\)](#) on the elimination of the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic;
 - (i) Continue to enhance the operational readiness of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons by organizing, with interested Member States and relevant partners, training and capacity-building activities for experts and analytical laboratories;
 - (j) Facilitate the efforts of Member States to prevent an arms race in outer space.
- 4.32 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) The building of trust and understanding among Member States in order to facilitate consensus on effective measures relating to the total elimination of nuclear weapons and measures to help to reduce the risks of nuclear weapons use;
 - (b) The strengthening and reinforcement of the norm against chemical weapons use;
 - (c) Enhanced ability of Member States to uphold the global norms against the use of weapons of mass destruction;
 - (d) Strengthened coordination capabilities of Member States to respond to incidents involving the use of biological weapons.

Programme performance in 2022

Prevention of an arms race in outer space

- 4.33 In the final document of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, on resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly during its tenth special session ([A/S-10/4](#)), it was stated that, in order to prevent an arms race in outer space, further measures should be taken and appropriate international negotiations held. To that end, the subprogramme contributed to the successful outcome of the work of intergovernmental bodies and the processes responsible for various aspects of the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The subprogramme built upon past work and outcomes, including expert groups established under the auspices of the Secretary-General and subsidiary bodies or working groups established by the Conference on Disarmament, the Disarmament Commission and the General Assembly.
- 4.34 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.7).

Table 4.7
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
—	Preparation of the substantive report of the Secretary-General on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours (A/76/77), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/36, and follow-up by the Assembly on the recommendations of the Secretary-General, including the establishment of an open-ended working group	Two sessions of the open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours were held Preparation of the substantive report of the Secretary-General on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (A/77/80), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/230, and follow-up by the Assembly on the recommendations of the Secretary-General, including the establishment of a group of governmental experts

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.35 The subprogramme's work contributed to advancing the process to establish a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, which facilitates the building of common positions towards the elaboration of a legally binding treaty, which met the planned target.
- 4.36 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.8).

Table 4.8
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Increased knowledge and expertise of Member States, which contributed to the aim of leading to the elaboration of a legally binding treaty	Decisions from the first session of the Conference implemented Outcomes of the second session of the Conference included the establishment of a working committee to undertake substantive intersessional work between annual sessions of the Conference	The Conference continued substantive discussions and decided to engage in further detailed discussions on two of the main topics at the working committee: (a) glossary of terminologies; and (b) general principles and obligations for a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction	The Conference continues to progressively identify areas of convergence, which facilitates continuous progress towards the negotiation of a legally binding treaty	The Conference continues to undertake substantive deliberations, including through its intersessional working committee meetings, to facilitate the preparation of the next session of the Conference and advance towards the negotiation of a legally binding instrument

Result 2: enhanced operational readiness of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.37 The subprogramme's work contributed to strengthening the operational readiness of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, with all newly nominated experts onboarded having an increased understanding of the Mechanism, and an increase in the nomination of experts for the roster having been attained, which met the planned target.
- 4.38 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.9).

Table 4.9

Performance measure

<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
Strengthened operational readiness of the Mechanism through enhanced capacity of qualified experts, expert consultants and laboratory focal points on their respective roles and mission planning	Increased understanding of qualified experts and laboratory focal points on the Mechanism and planned strategic missions Access to improved training for qualified experts	All newly nominated experts onboarded have an increased understanding of the Mechanism An increase in the nomination of experts for the roster	All newly nominated experts onboarded have an increased understanding of the Mechanism Enhanced capacity of qualified experts and laboratory focal points on relevant skills based on the Mechanism's training catalogue	All newly nominated experts onboarded have an increased understanding of the Mechanism Increase in the number of experts with specialized skills training relevant to the Mechanism, and a broader geographical and skills base of rostered experts

Result 3: strengthening the multilateral nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 4.39 The elimination of nuclear weapons is the highest disarmament priority of Member States, and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons remains the most widely supported multilateral nuclear disarmament- and non-proliferation-related treaty. The Treaty will commence a new review cycle in 2023 (see [NPT/CONF.2020/DEC.2](#)), offering the opportunity to strengthen the implementation of the Treaty, including commitments made under it, at a time of heightened nuclear risk. The subprogramme will support the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty and its Preparatory Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [77/66](#), including through the administration of meetings and the provision of substantive and technical expertise. Review Conferences on the Treaty have in the past adopted forward-looking commitments by States parties aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 4.40 The lesson for the subprogramme was that, despite its past successes, there are opportunities to strengthen the Treaty review process in order to better facilitate successful outcomes, which was also recognized by States parties in their decision to establish a working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty (see [NPT/CONF.2020/DEC.2](#)). In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support States parties in establishing the working group and developing

recommendations that can strengthen the review process to facilitate outcomes that will enhance the implementation of the Treaty.

- 4.41 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.10).

Table 4.10
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Expanded scope of consultations and reach of webinars that enabled dialogue on innovative ideas in the lead-up to the postponed Review Conference	Enhanced dialogue between Member States on achieving the goals of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	The 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty, which was delayed by two years owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, was held States parties established a working group to further strengthen the review process of the Treaty	The first Preparatory Committee meeting for the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty in 2026 is held Development of consensus recommendations by the working group on further strengthening the review process of the Treaty	The second Preparatory Committee meeting for the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty in 2026 is held

Deliverables

- 4.42 Table 4.11 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.11
Subprogramme 2: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	241	252	160	136
1. Reports of and notes by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on nuclear and chemical weapons	9	10	9	10
2. Reports and documents for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	71	115	–	–
3. Reports and documents for the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	20	13	20	16
4. Reports and documents for the Preparatory Committee for the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	70	–	70	80
5. Report for the fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia	1	–	–	–
6. Reports and documents for the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	29	86	–	–
7. Reports and documents for the open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours	41	28	31	–

Part II Political affairs

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
8. Reports and documents for the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space	–	–	30	30
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	118	163	122	108
9. Meetings of the First Committee	25	25	25	25
10. Meetings of the Disarmament Commission	15	15	15	15
11. Pre-session consultations and meetings of the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	–	63	–	–
12. Plenary meetings of the high-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	2	2	2	2
13. High-level plenary meetings to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests	2	1	2	2
14. Meetings of the Conference and the Bureau of the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty	–	–	2	–
15. Meetings of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	10	10	6	10
16. Pre-session consultations and meetings for the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons	10	23	–	–
17. Fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia	–	–	–	–
18. Pre-session consultations and meetings for the Preparatory Committee for the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	30	–	30	30
19. Meetings of the open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours	24	24	20	–
20. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space	–	–	20	24
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	35	35	30	35
21. Intersessional briefings of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction	6	3	6	3
22. Training courses for the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons on chemical weapons investigations and updating the roster of experts	29	31	24	32
23. Regional briefing in preparation for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	–	1	–	–
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: impartial technical, substantive and procedural advice provided to Member States; consultations with civil society, including on participation by civil society in treaty-related conferences; consultations with academia and specialized technical institutions; liaison with relevant intergovernmental organizations (e.g. OPCW, IAEA and Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization); interdepartmental coordination, including as Vice-Chair of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: fact sheets on weapons of mass destruction disarmament and associated treaties; side events at relevant United Nations and ad hoc conferences; newsletter of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons; outreach and advocacy to the general public and students conducted through events organized by the subprogramme, Member States, civil society, academia and other stakeholders.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: Office for Disarmament Affairs website and social media platforms related to weapons of mass destruction issues.				

Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms

Objective

- 4.43 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance the regulation and limitation of conventional weapons, taking into account the legitimate needs of States for self-defence.

Strategy

- 4.44 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide substantive support, including preparatory activities for intergovernmental processes, to the following:
 - (i) First Committee of the General Assembly and the Security Council;
 - (ii) Fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;
 - (b) Further develop, update, revise and disseminate, as appropriate, the following:
 - (i) International Ammunition Technical Guidelines through the SaferGuard programme;
 - (ii) Database on military expenditures;
 - (iii) Register of Conventional Arms;
 - (iv) Modular Small-arms-control Implementation Compendium;
 - (v) Repository of military confidence-building measures;
 - (vi) Database on national reports of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;
 - (c) Assist States in the implementation of the outcomes of the Seventh and Eighth Biennial Meetings of States, held in 2021 and 2022, respectively, including the design and implementation of a standing dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons in accordance with General Assembly resolution [77/71](#);
 - (d) Implement and follow up on the relevant recommendations of the open-ended working group on conventional ammunition, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/233](#), which is expected to complete its work in 2023;
 - (e) Provide capacity-building support for requesting States to collect and consolidate data to support monitoring of indicator 16.4.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (f) In partnership with United Nations system entities:
 - (i) Promote safe and secure weapons and ammunition management, in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes and in peace operation contexts;
 - (ii) In line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, support the integration of small arms control considerations into United Nations country-level system-wide approaches to development;
 - (g) Support, implement and facilitate assistance projects that develop the capacity of national institutions with regard to conventional arms and ammunition control, including through the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation, the Saving Lives Entity fund, the Ammunition Management Advisory Team and the SaferGuard Programme, and support the Silencing the Guns by 2030 initiative of the African Union;

- (h) Implement, as required, relevant recommendations issued in 2022 by the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and undertake preparations for the meetings of the Group to be held in 2024 and 2025;
- (i) Manage the transparency instruments on military expenditures and the Register of Conventional Arms and provide support to States for their greater participation;
- (j) Support initiatives and efforts for fostering military confidence-building measures at the subregional and regional levels.

4.45 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Participation of States in the preparatory processes and review conferences of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and the ability of States to address the outcome commitments;
- (b) Strengthened legislation, policies and regulations on small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition at the national, regional and subregional levels;
- (c) Enhanced effectiveness of existing international assistance frameworks through the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (the International Tracing Instrument);
- (d) Improved integration of small arms and light weapons control considerations into development processes and frameworks;
- (e) Reduced armed violence and risk of armed conflict among States by reducing the destabilizing effect of increasing arms and ammunition transfers and accumulations, as well as fostering confidence-building measures among States;
- (f) Continued relevance and improved participation of States in the United Nations Report on Military Expenditures and the Register of Conventional Arms.

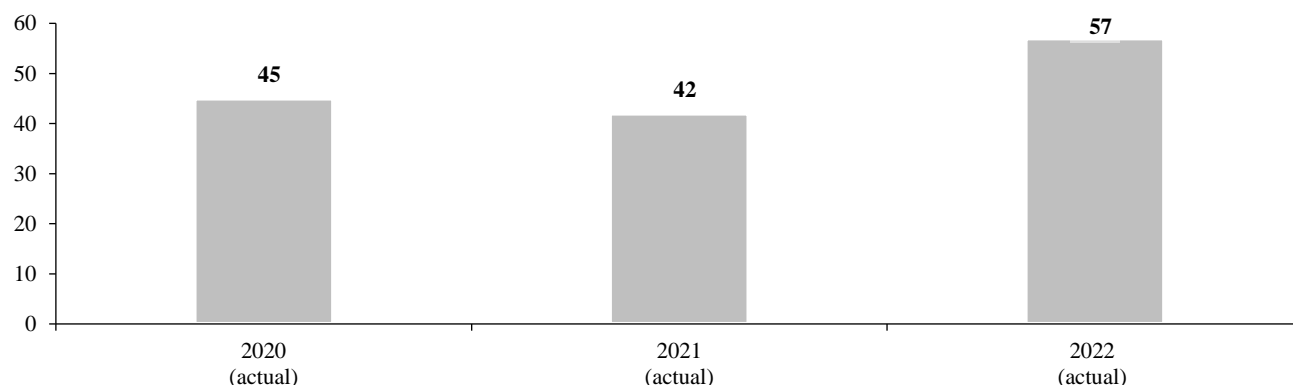
Programme performance in 2022

Increased participation of Member States in the Register of Conventional Arms

- 4.46 The subprogramme supported the participation of Member States in submitting reports to the Register of Conventional Arms through greater awareness-raising, advocacy and outreach activities, and at the margins of various intergovernmental meetings. Discussions with the secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty on information-sharing and with States on increasing participation in the Register resulted in an agreement among States parties to the Arms Trade Treaty to simultaneously report, on a voluntary basis, through the reporting systems of the Register and the Treaty. The subprogramme also provided substantive support to the 2022 Group of Governmental Experts on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development. The experts issued recommendations to increase the number of submissions, including through the aforementioned simultaneous submission option. The Office for Disarmament Affairs is currently working to implement the recommendations with the assistance of the informal group of friends of the Register, a mechanism established by the 2022 Group of Governmental Experts to support the subprogramme's advocacy and outreach efforts.
- 4.47 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.I).

Figure 4.I

Performance measure: number of reports submitted to the Register of Conventional Arms by Member States



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: Silencing the Guns by 2030 through Africa Amnesty Month – reducing illicit arms and ammunition flows through mobilization of broad voluntary handovers by civilians

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.48 The subprogramme's work contributed to efforts by Member States to strengthen prevention of the misuse of illicit arms and reduce illicit arms flows, through the further development of small arms and ammunition control by national commissions and focal points in six Member States, as well as the conduct of voluntary handover campaigns and the destruction of weapons, ammunition and explosives, which met the planned target.
- 4.49 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.12).

Table 4.12

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Engagement by national commissions and focal points on small arms control, the African Union and the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States in conducting national voluntary surrender of weapons campaigns, including capacity-building in community policing, secure storage and destruction, in seven Member States	National commissions and focal points further develop small arms and ammunition control in six Member States Three additional States conduct voluntary handover campaigns and destroy collected weapons	National commissions and focal points further developed small arms and ammunition control in six Member States Three additional States conducted voluntary handover campaigns and destroyed 262,815 weapons, ammunition and explosives	National commissions and focal points on small arms control have increased capacity to conduct national voluntary surrender of weapons campaigns, including through capacity-building in community policing, secure storage and destruction	National commissions and focal points on small arms control conduct follow-up activities to the Africa Amnesty Month project to further enhance their capacities in preventing the misuse of illicit arms and reducing illicit arms flows, including through regular awareness-raising campaigns and national voluntary surrender of weapons campaigns

Result 2: improved management of safety and security risks of conventional ammunition

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.50 The subprogramme's work contributed to the open-ended working group on ammunition holding a series of informal consultations, one organizational session and two substantive sessions on through-life ammunition management, which met the planned target.
- 4.51 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.13).

Table 4.13
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
First session of the Group of Governmental Experts held in January. Second and third sessions of the Group postponed to 2021, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Group held virtual informal consultations	Second and third sessions of the Group held in a hybrid format. The Group adopted its final report (A/76/324) by consensus. On the basis of the Group's recommendations, the General Assembly established an open-ended working group (see resolution 76/233)	The open-ended working group held a series of informal consultations, one organizational session and two substantive sessions on through-life ammunition management	The open-ended working group holds the third and fourth substantive sessions and submits a report on its work to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session	Initiation of a follow-up process based on General Assembly guidance related to a global framework on through-life ammunition management

Result 3: strengthened implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 4.52 The Programme of Action on Small Arms (see [A/CONF.192/15](#)) and the International Tracing Instrument (see [A/60/88](#), annex, [A/60/88/Corr.1](#) and [A/60/88/Corr.2](#), and decision 60/519) underpin the global normative framework on illicit small arms and light weapons. Through the Programme of Action, States have agreed to improve, inter alia, national small arms laws, import and export controls, stockpile management and cooperation in weapons tracing. The subprogramme supports States in implementing the Programme of Action, as well as in submitting national reports and facilitating cooperation and assistance, including through ad hoc webinars, workshops and training at the national and regional levels. It also facilitates biennial meetings of States and review conferences.

Lessons learned and planned change

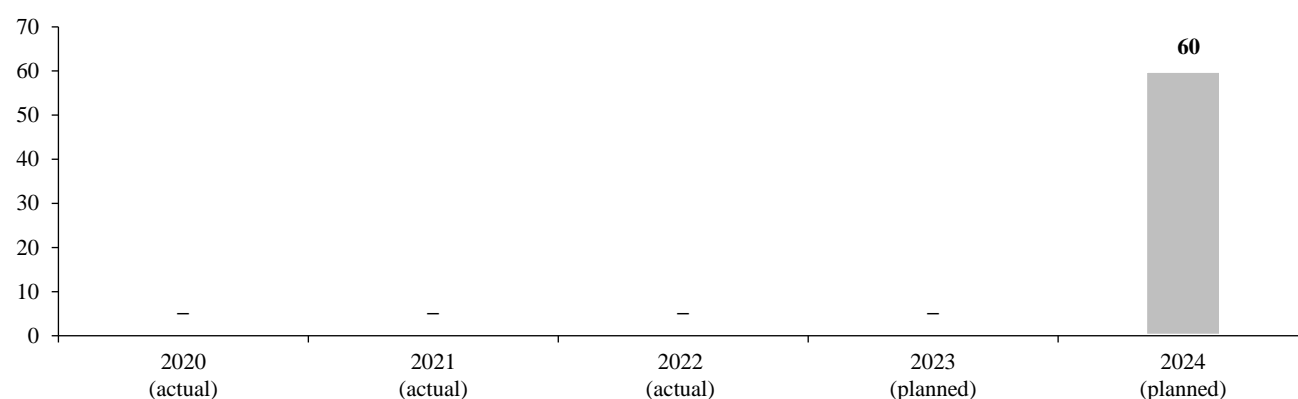
- 4.53 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was demand for the development of a structured training programme to build capacity at the national level for further implementation of key activities within the framework. In applying the lesson, and in line with General Assembly resolution [77/71](#), the subprogramme will initiate a standing dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons and develop technical training materials and an online course package. The subprogramme will organize a four-week in-person training programme in four regions, preceded by a preparatory self-paced online course, with the participation of 15 fellows per region.

- 4.54 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.II).

Figure 4.II

Performance measure: government officials benefiting from a dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

(Number of fellows)



Deliverables

- 4.55 Table 4.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.14

Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	14	13	7	6
1. Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on conventional arms, arms transfers, military expenditures, small arms and light weapons, disarmament and development	7	6	5	6
2. Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on small arms and light weapons	–	–	1	–
3. Report and other documents on the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (Seventh and Eighth Biennial Meetings of States)	6	6	–	–
4. Report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms	1	1	–	–
5. Report of the open-ended working group on conventional ammunition	–	–	1	–
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	69	102	39	71
6. Meetings of the First Committee	25	32	25	25
7. Meetings of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms	30	30	–	10
8. Meetings of the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Programme of Action on Small Arms	10	10	–	–

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
9. Informal consultations among Member States further to the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States under the Programme of Action on Small Arms	4	8	—	—
10. Meetings of the fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Programme of Action on Small Arms	—	—	—	20
11. Meetings of the preparatory committee for the fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Programme of Action on Small Arms	—	—	—	10
12. Informal consultations among Member States further to the fourth Review Conference of the Programme of Action on Small Arms	—	—	4	6
13. Meetings of the open-ended working group on conventional ammunition	—	22	10	—
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2	2	2	2
14. On the implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms	2	2	2	2
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	4	8	5	90
15. Competency training and/or test on the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines	4	8	5	10
16. Fellowship programme on the Programme of Action on Small Arms	—	—	—	80
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: one briefing to delegates on United Nations transparency instruments (Register of Conventional Arms and United Nations Report on Military Expenditures) and one briefing to the preparatory committee for the fourth Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms; three regional briefings and consultations on the new global framework on conventional ammunition to support the development of regional and subregional commitments; and one meeting of the SaferGuard Technical Review Board and two briefings to delegations on weapons of mass destruction.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: online reporting systems related to global reported arms trade, military expenditures, military confidence-building measures and implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms available for use in voluntary reporting by Member States; and the SaferGuard programme on ammunition.				

Subprogramme 4 Information and outreach

Objective

- 4.56 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to enhance awareness, understanding and knowledge by Member States and the public for advancing disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.

Strategy

- 4.57 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Carry out outreach and information-sharing activities in cooperation with Member States and other relevant partners and stakeholders by organizing panel discussions, public events, exhibitions, media briefings, book launches, film screenings and other activities;

- (b) Produce publications and implement a comprehensive media strategy. Outreach will reflect and promote diversity through inclusion and the targeting of audiences of different ages, genders, disabilities, geographic locations and perspectives;
- (c) Support civil society engagement in intergovernmental forums by facilitating access arrangements, organizing consultative meetings and arranging for presentations by invited civil society representatives;
- (d) Implement the recommendations of the 2002 United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education in cooperation with Member States and other relevant partners, by producing and disseminating educational materials, developing e-modules on substantive topics and organizing peace and disarmament education activities and contests, with particular emphasis on educating young people, including young women and those not traditionally engaged, to champion and promote disarmament efforts;
- (e) Continue to support the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240;
- (f) Seek specific measures to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation and empowerment of young people on disarmament and non-proliferation issues, including through the effective utilization of the dedicated digital platform Youth for Disarmament and through token grants and awards supported by voluntary contributions.

4.58 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Increased interest in and support for multilateral disarmament efforts, enhancement of engagement by the general public and other stakeholders on these issues and the availability of clear, timely and impartial information to Member States;
- (b) Better informed stakeholders, including government officials, civil society representatives and the general public;
- (c) Progress in the development of common understandings in multilateral discussions by States on information and communications technology security in the context of international security, as well as improved awareness and knowledge of the subject among States and non-governmental actors.

Programme performance in 2022

Youth Champions in disarmament and non-proliferation: a synergistic approach to youth, leadership, disarmament and education

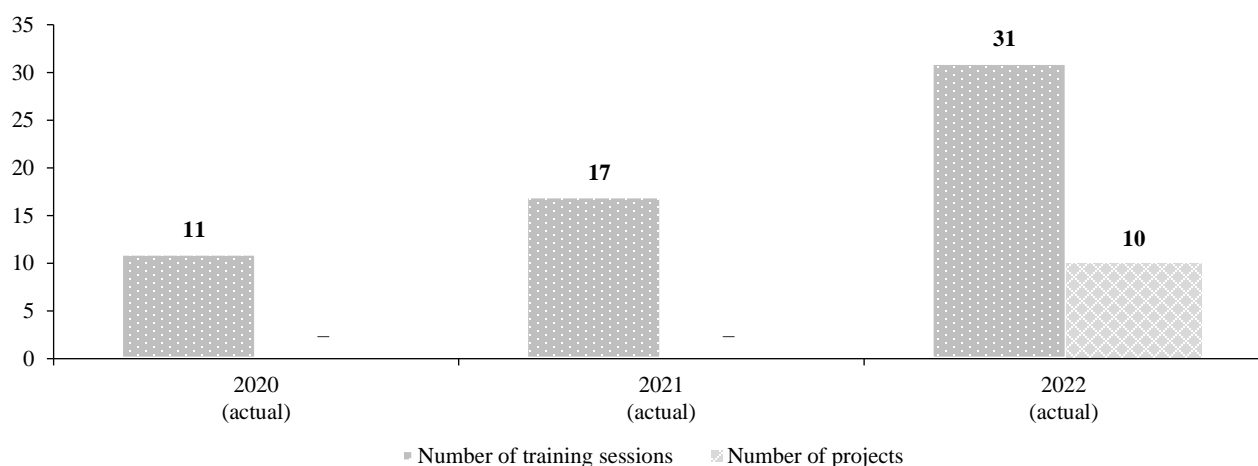
- 4.59 In 2019, the subprogramme launched its youth outreach initiative, Youth for Disarmament, to engage, educate and empower young people with the aim of facilitating their meaningful and inclusive participation in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. The subprogramme recognized the importance of young people in bringing about change and called on those between the ages of 18 and 24 across the globe to apply for an innovative learning programme aimed at empowering them to work for disarmament in their communities. A geographically diverse group of 10 Youth Champions from various regions were selected from among 6,515 applicants from 157 countries.
- 4.60 Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel segment of the programme for 2020 was postponed until it was deemed safe to travel, and the programme's content was adjusted accordingly. An initial six-month training programme was thus transformed into a full two-year programme (2020–2022) that included diverse opportunities and capacity-building programmes, including webinars, self-paced online courses and speaking opportunities for Youth Champions to help them to engage with their communities on issues related to disarmament and non-proliferation. The Youth Champions produced projects to advance the understanding of disarmament and non-proliferation issues, including the development of education guides and research papers to engage with younger generations on the importance of disarmament, such as an illustrated children's book and an arts and

crafts workshop to make symbols of peace. Several Youth Champions also organized peer-to-peer exchanges with young people on specific disarmament topics.

4.61 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.III).

Figure 4.III

Performance measure: Youth Champions engaging with, educating and empowering young people to meaningfully contribute to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control efforts



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: enhanced accessibility and usability of meetings information and data to inform Member States

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

4.62 The subprogramme's work contributed to the ongoing development of core components of the data portal, which did not meet the planned target of Member States having access to the Office for Disarmament Affairs data portal, and the modernization of the existing databases to enhance the usability of data to inform policymaking. The target was not met owing to a reprioritization of the back-end database development in order to support the planned release of database applications during 2023.

4.63 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.15).

Table 4.15

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
Member States have improved accessibility to meetings information	Improved ease of access by Member States to all public documents on United Nations disarmament meetings through the Office's documents portal	Core software components of the planned data portal were completed	Member States have access to additional databases included in the Office's data portal	Member States have access to additional databases included in the Office's data portal

Result 2: developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security, and advancing responsible State behaviour in the use of information and communications technologies

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.64 The subprogramme's work contributed to the adoption by the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, by consensus, of an annual progress report, which met the planned target.
- 4.65 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.16).

Table 4.16
Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
–	Adoption by Member States of the consensus final reports of the previous United Nations bodies (A/75/816; A/76/135)	Adoption by the open-ended working group, by consensus, of an annual progress report	Adoption by the open-ended working group, by consensus, of an annual progress report	Adoption by the open-ended working group, by consensus, of an annual progress report

Result 3: *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* – strengthened engagement and increased reach of topical issues and trends with respect to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

Proposed programme plan for 2024

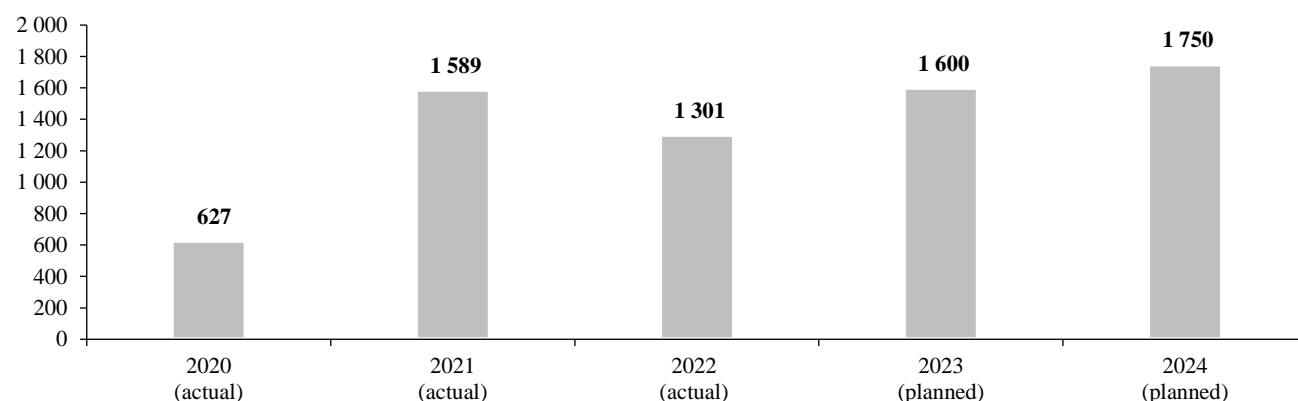
- 4.66 In 2020, the subprogramme launched an easy-to-use dedicated *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* website, allowing readers to effortlessly navigate through a comprehensive overview of key developments and trends with respect to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. The publication was further upgraded to include a collection of explanatory graphics and charts.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 4.67 The lesson for the subprogramme, following an online survey in 2022 to identify how the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* could be further improved, was that for the *Yearbook* to remain fit for purpose, meet the evolving requirements of its users and increase its reach, additional improvements were needed. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will update the presentation and design of the *Yearbook*, with a view to improving its accessibility and utility to accommodate a broader range of stakeholders and helping to enhance information on topical issues of arms limitation, disarmament and security. Efforts will also be made to optimize the synergies between the *Yearbook* and new online tools that the programme is developing, including a revamped treaties database and a new resolutions database.
- 4.68 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.IV).

Figure 4.IV

Performance measure: number of unique visitors to the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* website (annual)



Deliverables

4.69 Table 4.17 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.17

Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	17	17	18	17
1. Reports of the Secretary-General, transmitting views of Member States to the General Assembly on: environmental norms in the context of disarmament and arms control; the promotion of multilateralism; the United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education; the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme; the role of science and technology; and advancing responsible State behaviour in cyberspace	6	6	6	6
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (including pre-session, in-session and post-session documents)	10	10	10	10
3. Report of the Secretary-General on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation	–	–	1	–
4. Progress report of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025	1	1	1	1
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	32	29	32	42
Meetings of:				
5. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	12	9	12	12
6. The open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025	20	20	20	30
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	1	1	1	1
7. Training of teachers on disarmament and non-proliferation	1	1	1	1
Publications (number of publications)	8	11	8	8
8. On disarmament, including the <i>United Nations Disarmament Yearbook</i> , Occasional Papers and other serialized and non-serialized publications	8	11	8	8

Category and subcategory	2022 planned	2022 actual	2023 planned	2024 planned
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C. Substantive deliverables

Databases and substantive digital materials: database on the status of disarmament and arms regulation agreements, disarmament reference library and e-documents library.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: pamphlets, brochures, publicity kits, guides, posters, disarmament fact sheets; disarmament activities of the Messenger of Peace, including public service announcements; symposiums, workshops, youth contests and panel discussions on disarmament issues, in particular disarmament and non-proliferation education; briefings for visitors and outside groups on disarmament; disarmament and non-proliferation education and teacher and youth training; and audiovisual resources, including videos, events and exhibits on matters promoting disarmament and non-proliferation.

External and media relations: opinion pieces placed in international, national and thematic journals.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, on disarmament education and Securing Our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament; online version of the Office for Disarmament Affairs updates; and Youth for Disarmament web platform, the Office's Meetings Place website and the *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook* website.

Subprogramme 5 Regional disarmament

Objective

- 4.70 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance regional disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control efforts and initiatives, and the effective implementation of global and regional disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control treaties and other instruments, and strengthen partnerships with regional organizations.

Strategy

- 4.71 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Provide technical and legal training, conduct capacity-building activities and support the implementation by Member States of relevant treaties, international standards and guidelines, including the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, the Arms Trade Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, Security Council resolutions [1325 \(2000\)](#), [1540 \(2004\)](#), [1673 \(2006\)](#), [1810 \(2008\)](#), [1977 \(2011\)](#), [2055 \(2012\)](#), [2325 \(2016\)](#), [2370 \(2017\)](#), [2572 \(2021\)](#), [2622 \(2022\)](#) and [2663 \(2022\)](#) and General Assembly resolutions [77/55](#), [77/83](#), [77/84](#) and [77/85](#);
 - (b) Cooperate with relevant regional, subregional, civil society and other organizations, such as the African Union, the Caribbean Community, the Economic Community of West African States, the Organization of American States, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Pacific Islands Forum, in the field of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, building on existing synergies and avoiding duplication with efforts already undertaken by such organizations.
- 4.72 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Increased adherence to the disarmament instruments and strengthened small arms, light weapons and ammunition control, thereby curbing illicit trade and the circulation of small arms and light weapons to strengthen regional peace and security;
 - (b) Confidence-building measures among Member States;
 - (c) Closer partnerships with regional and subregional organizations.

Programme performance in 2022

Empowering women to participate in the design and implementation of small arms control efforts

- 4.73 In line with General Assembly resolutions [65/69](#), [73/46](#), [75/48](#) and [77/55](#) on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, the subprogramme assisted States, upon request, in promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, including in preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons.
- 4.74 In 2022, the subprogramme organized or co-organized activities, including workshops and seminars on a gender-sensitive approach in the Asia and Pacific region, the Latin America and the Caribbean region and the Africa region. These capacity-building activities included: a project on small arms that sought to enhance the effectiveness of small arms control through the promotion of a gender-sensitive framework and to promote the equitable and meaningful participation of women in all arms control decision-making processes; in-country training programmes on gender mainstreaming in national policies; a specialized training course on firearms investigations to promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective; and a series of webinars on the prevention of armed violence against women.
- 4.75 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.18).

Table 4.18

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)
—	—	Appointment of gender focal points within national coordinating mechanisms on small arms in several countries

Planned results for 2024

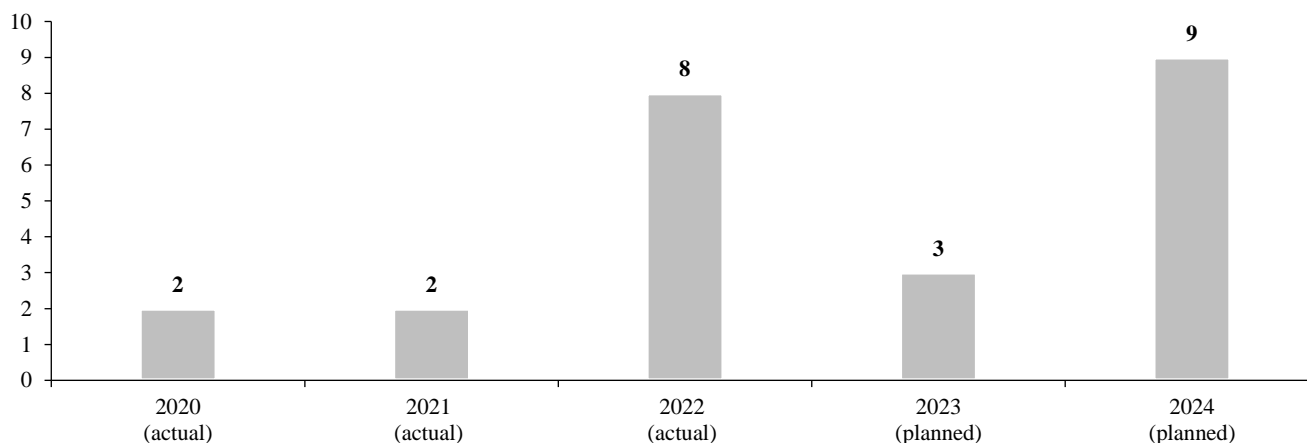
Result 1: strengthened regional disarmament through substantive partnerships with regional and subregional organizations

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.76 The subprogramme's work contributed to the involvement of eight regional and subregional organizations in the development and implementation of projects, which met the planned target.
- 4.77 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.V).

Figure 4.V

Performance measure: number of regional and subregional organizations involved in the development and implementation of projects (annual)



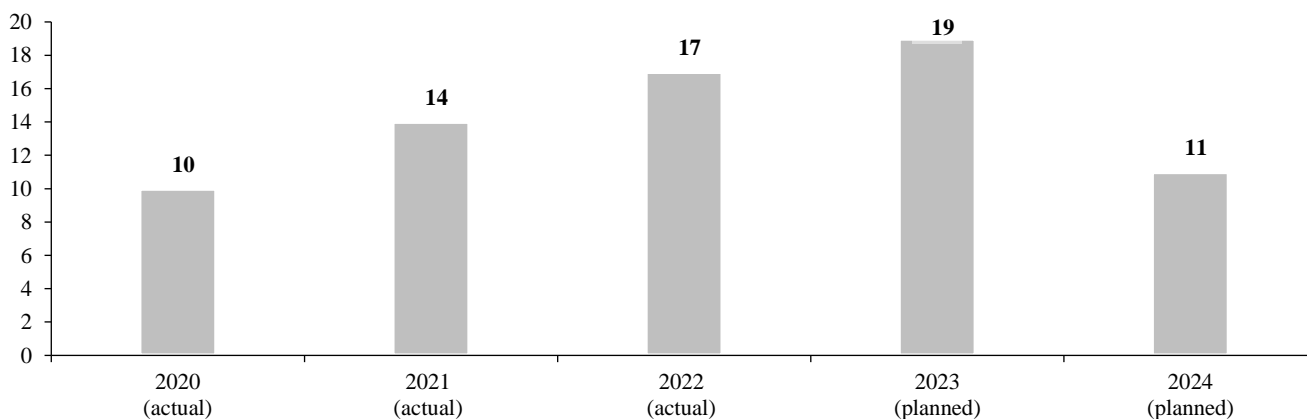
Result 2: strengthened implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 4.78 The subprogramme's work contributed to the provision of support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of the resolution. The support provided to Member States, upon request, contributed to the enhanced capacity of 17 Member States to meet the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004), which exceeded the planned target of 11 Member States.
- 4.79 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 4.VI).

Figure 4.VI

Performance measure: number of Member States with enhanced capacity to strengthen policy on weapons of mass destruction and Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (annual)



Result 3: disarmament and non-proliferation education and training for all

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- 4.80 In line with General Assembly resolutions 76/45, 77/51, 77/52, 77/83, 77/84 and 77/85, the subprogramme's work is focused on promoting disarmament and non-proliferation education and strengthening expert networks and partnerships at the regional and subregional levels, including

through the three regional centres of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, by implementing relevant recommendations contained in the 2002 United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 4.81 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there is a need for tailored approaches for disarmament and non-proliferation education at the regional and subregional levels. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will adopt an incremental approach to address the identified gaps that gradually scales up the Office's initiatives globally, in conjunction with an expansion of regional partnerships and networks. To ensure that the educational content with regard to disarmament is continually improved and kept up-to-date, geographically and substantively diverse networks will be established and coordinated, in accordance with regional priorities and needs. Opportunities to develop and expand disarmament education partnerships, content and programmes will be pursued, leveraging the Office's regional centres.
- 4.82 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 4.19).

Table 4.19

Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
—	—	<p>The General Assembly adopted resolution 77/51, proclaiming 5 March as the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness</p> <p>A common framework for education in disarmament and non-proliferation is available to Member States, regional organizations and other stakeholders to strengthen coherence and coordination of educational initiatives</p>	<p>Greater engagement of educational and training partners in developing disarmament education programmes and non-formal education opportunities</p>	<p>Greater regional spread of educational opportunities through an incremental expansion of partnerships with academia and training partners</p> <p>Educational partners and educators deliver tailored and contextualized education to broaden knowledge and skills on disarmament and non-proliferation</p>

Deliverables

- 4.83 Table 4.20 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 4.20

Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2022 actual</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	5	5	5	5
1. Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament; the strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region; and confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context	5	5	5	5
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	1	1	1	1
2. Meeting of the First Committee	1	1	1	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	25	25	26	17
3. On effective small arms control, including physical security and stockpile management	15	14	15	9
4. On the implementation of General Assembly resolution 65/69 on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	6	5	7	3
5. On peace and disarmament education, including projects for young people, with an emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals	4	6	4	5
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	84	124	92	110
6. Seminars, workshops and training and capacity-building events on small arms and light weapons	50	105	70	91
7. Seminars, workshops and training and capacity-building events on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the implementation and universalization of non-proliferation instruments and relevant Security Council resolutions	30	17	20	17
8. International conferences on disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	4	2	2	2
Publications (number of publications)	2	3	5	4
9. On disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	2	3	5	4
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: substantive, technical and legal advice as well as training on the effective implementation of relevant instruments in accordance with Security Council and General Assembly mandates upon request by Member States, regional and subregional organizations and civil society organizations in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: fact sheets on the work of the regional centres and liaison office in Vienna; outreach events for young people, women and other stakeholders; websites and other electronic platforms, including e-learning platforms such as the Disarmament Education Dashboard.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: website and social media accounts.				

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

Overview

- 4.84 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 4.21 to 4.23.

Table 4.21

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Posts	10 914.5	10 160.3	–	295.9	–	295.9	2.9	10 456.2
Other staff costs	251.0	290.2	–	–	–	–	–	290.2
Hospitality	–	2.1	–	–	–	–	–	2.1
Consultants	94.7	186.7	(37.1)	386.3	–	349.2	187.0	535.9
Experts	475.4	875.2	(278.2)	111.1	(109.1)	(276.2)	(31.6)	599.0
Travel of staff	251.6	180.4	(12.0)	30.5	–	18.5	10.3	198.9
Contractual services	145.5	148.8	–	438.9	–	438.9	295.0	587.7
General operating expenses	318.2	330.4	(3.8)	7.2	–	3.4	1.0	333.8
Supplies and materials	33.0	10.8	–	4.2	–	4.2	38.9	15.0
Furniture and equipment	118.1	74.3	–	11.5	–	11.5	15.5	85.8
Improvement of premises	0.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions	1 281.0	1 576.6	–	551.6	–	551.6	35.0	2 128.2
Total	13 883.6	13 835.8	(331.1)	1 837.2	(109.1)	1 397.0	10.1	15 232.8

Table 4.22

Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2024

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2023	61	1 USG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 12 P-5, 9 P-4, 9 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 4 GS (PL), 13 GS (OL), 4 LL
Establishment	5	1 P-4 under subprogramme 3 3 NPO and 1 GS (PL) under subprogramme 5
Proposed for 2024	66	1 USG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 12 P-5, 10 P-4, 9 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 3 NO, 5 GS (PL), 13 GS (OL), 4 LL

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); (LL), Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; USG, Under-Secretary-General.

Table 4.23

Overall: proposed posts by category and grade

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	2023 approved	Changes				2024 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Professional and higher						
USG	1	—	—	—	—	1
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	5	—	—	—	—	5
P-5	12	—	—	—	—	12
P-4	9	—	1	—	1	10
P-3	9	—	—	—	—	9
P-2/1	3	—	—	—	—	3
Subtotal	40	—	1	—	1	41
General Service and related						
GS (PL)	4	—	1	—	1	5
GS (OL)	13	—	—	—	—	13
LL	4	—	—	—	—	4
NPO	—	—	3	—	3	3
Subtotal	21	—	4	—	4	25
Total	61	—	5	—	5	66

4.85 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 4.24 to 4.26 and figure 4.VII.

4.86 As reflected in tables 4.24 (1) and 4.25 (1), the overall net resources proposed for 2024 amount to \$15,232,800 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$1,397,000 (or 10.1 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from technical adjustments, new and expanded mandates, and other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 4.24

Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total Percentage	
A. Policymaking organs	2.2	9.2	–	–	–	–	9.2
B. Executive direction and management	2 630.4	2 467.9	–	–	–	–	2 467.9
C. Programme of work							
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	3 037.3	3 337.6	(278.2)	–	–	(278.2) (8.3)	3 059.4

Part II Political affairs

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
2. Weapons of mass destruction	1 754.1	2 066.1	(52.9)	4.1	(109.1)	(157.9)	(7.6)	1 908.2
3. Conventional arms	1 392.0	1 156.7	–	1 612.2	–	1 612.2	139.4	2 768.9
4. Information and outreach	1 411.7	1 497.5	–	16.1	–	16.1	1.1	1 513.6
5. Regional disarmament	2 802.3	2 609.5	–	204.8	–	204.8	7.8	2 814.3
Subtotal, C	10 397.3	10 667.4	(331.1)	1 837.2	(109.1)	1 397.0	13.6	12 064.4
D. Programme support	853.7	691.3	–	–	–	–	–	691.3
Subtotal, 1	13 883.6	13 835.8	(331.1)	1 837.2	(109.1)	1 397.0	10.1	15 232.8

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2022 expenditure	2023 estimate	Change	Percentage	2024 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	110.7	35.0	–	–	35.0
C. Programme of work					
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	5 604.8	5 893.8	551.2	9.4	6 445.0
2. Weapons of mass destruction	4 857.6	5 235.3	413.3	7.9	5 648.6
3. Conventional arms	4 395.9	4 726.2	361.1	7.6	5 087.3
4. Information and outreach	618.0	671.1	–	–	671.1
5. Regional disarmament	2 533.2	2 625.0	879.4	33.5	3 504.4
Subtotal, C	18 009.5	19 151.4	2 205.0	11.5	21 356.4
D. Programme support	137.0	314.8	–	–	314.8
Subtotal, 2	18 257.2	19 501.2	2 205.0	11.3	21 706.2
Total	32 140.9	33 337.0	3 602.0	10.8	36 939.0

Table 4.25

Overall: proposed posts for 2024 by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Number of posts)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	2023 approved	Changes				2024 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	13	–	–	–	–	13
C. Programme of work						
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	8	–	–	–	–	8
2. Weapons of mass destruction	8	–	–	–	–	8
3. Conventional arms	6	–	1	–	1	7
4. Information and outreach	8	–	–	–	–	8
5. Regional disarmament	15	–	4	–	4	19
Subtotal, C	45	–	5	–	5	50
D. Programme support	3	–	–	–	–	3
Subtotal, 1	61	–	5	–	5	66

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2023 estimate	Change	2024 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	–	–	–
C. Programme of work			
1. Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation	11	7	18
2. Weapons of mass destruction	3	–	3
3. Conventional arms	6	(2)	4
4. Information and outreach	1	(1)	–
5. Regional disarmament	12	6	18
Subtotal, C	33	10	43
D. Programme support	3	(1)	2
Subtotal, 2	36	9	45
Total	97	14	111

Table 4.26

Overall: evolution of financial and post resources

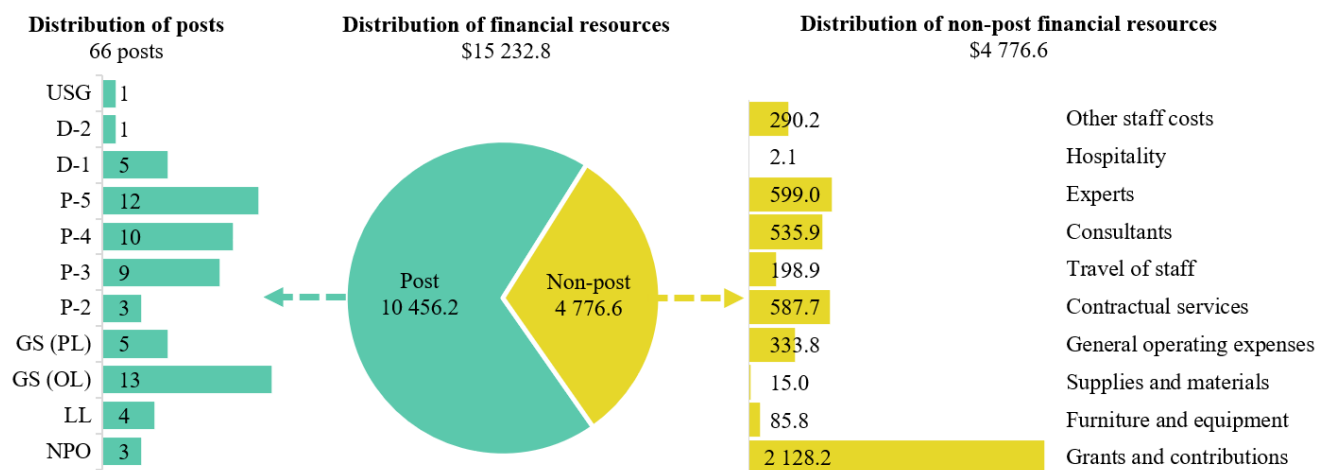
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes				2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total Percentage		
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	10 914.5	10 160.3	–	295.9	–	295.9	2.9	10 456.2
Non-post	2 969.1	3 675.5	(331.1)	1 541.3	(109.1)	1 101.1	30.0	4 776.6
Total	13 883.6	13 835.8	(331.1)	1 837.2	(109.1)	1 397.0	10.1	15 232.8
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		40	–	1	–	1	2.5	44
General Service and related		21	–	4	–	4	19.0	25
Total		61	–	5	–	5	8.2	66

Figure 4.VII

Distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

Overall resource changes

Technical adjustments

4.87 As reflected in table 4.24 (1), resource changes reflect a decrease of \$331,100, as follows:

- Subprogramme 1, Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation.** The decrease of \$278,200 under experts relates to the removal of the non-recurrent provisions included in the programme budget for 2023 to support the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/50](#).
- Subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction.** The decrease of \$52,900 relates to the removal of the non-recurrent provisions included in the programme budget for 2023 for

consultants (\$37,100), travel (\$12,000) and general operating expenses (\$3,800) to support the open-ended working group on reducing space threats, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/231](#).

New and expanded mandates

4.88 As reflected in table 4.24 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$1,837,200. The distribution across the subprogrammes is as follows:

- (a) **Subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction.** The increase of \$4,100 under experts reflects the provision to support the Group of Governmental Experts on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/250](#);
- (b) **Subprogramme 3, Conventional arms.** The increase of \$1,612,200 reflects:
 - (i) An increase of \$1,491,100 to implement General Assembly resolution [77/71](#), in which the Assembly decided to establish, within the regular budget, a standing dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons in order to strengthen the technical and practical knowledge and expertise of government officials directly responsible for the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons. The fellowship programme will be conducted annually in four regions (15 fellows per region) for a duration of four weeks of in-person training, preceded by a preparatory self-paced online course. Resource estimates include \$119,700 under posts to cover the proposed establishment of one post of Programme Management Officer (P-4) in New York that is subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate (see annex III); \$356,100 under consultants to assist in the design and development of technical training materials and facilitate the training programme; \$30,500 to cover travel of staff of the Office for Disarmament Affairs to support the training programmes; \$429,900 under contractual services to cover the development of the online course, including translation, printing of training materials and other operational costs for organizing the in-person training programmes in the four regions; \$551,600 under grants and contributions to cover travel costs and subsistence allowances for 60 fellows to attend the programme; and a total of \$3,300 under contractual services, furniture and equipment, and supplies and materials to cover the related non-post costs for the new P-4 post;
 - (ii) An increase of \$121,100 to support the work of the Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms on transparency in armaments pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/69](#). Resource estimates include \$107,000 under experts to cover travel expenses for 20 governmental experts to attend a five-day session on transparency in armaments and \$14,100 under consultants to provide technical and substantive support to the session;
- (c) **Subprogramme 4, Information and outreach.** An increase of \$16,100 under consultants to support the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/240](#);
- (d) **Subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament.** An increase of \$204,800 to implement General Assembly resolution [77/71](#) as explained in paragraph 4.88 (b) (i) above. Resources include \$176,200 under posts related to the proposed establishment of three posts of Programme Management Officer (NPO), to be based in Lomé, Lima and Kathmandu, and one post of Senior Programme Management Assistant (GS (PL)), to be based in Vienna, that are subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate (see annex III). The related non-post resources to support the four new posts amount to \$28,600 and fall under contractual services (\$7,400), general operating expenses (\$7,200), supplies and materials (\$4,000) and furniture and equipment (\$10,000).

Other changes

4.89 As reflected in table 4.24 (1), the proposed changes reflect a decrease of \$109,100 under subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction, relating to the removal of the provision for experts

that is used in the event of the activation of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons. The decrease takes into account the limited utilization of this provision in the past and the view of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see [A/77/7](#), para. II.83), as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [77/262](#), that the established budgetary mechanism to implement unforeseen activities, including for the maintenance of peace and security, is the commitment authority granted to the Secretary-General to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.90 As reflected in tables 4.24 (2) and 4.25 (2), the Office for Disarmament Affairs expects to continue to receive both cash and in-kind contributions. In 2024, extrabudgetary resources (cash contributions) are estimated at \$21,706,200. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly for research and analysis and to support meetings and conventions, raise awareness and build technical and substantive capacity at the national and regional levels and strengthen partnerships and participation aimed at contributing to the advancement of international agreements on disarmament best practices. Anticipated in-kind contributions will provide for rent-free premises with an estimated value of \$86,800.
- 4.91 The authority to oversee the use of extrabudgetary resources rests with the Office for Disarmament Affairs, in accordance with the delegation of authority by the Secretary-General. The extrabudgetary resources under the present section for UNIDIR are subject to the oversight of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.

Policymaking organs

- 4.92 The resources proposed under this component would provide for requirements relating to the Conference on Disarmament. Table 4.27 provides information on the Conference on Disarmament and related resource requirements under the regular budget.

Table 4.27

Policymaking organs

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Policymaking organ</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Additional information</i>	<i>2023 appropriation</i>	<i>2024 estimate (before recosting)</i>
Conference on Disarmament	The Conference on Disarmament is the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community. Pursuant to paragraph 120 (c) of the final document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General appoints the Secretary-General of the Conference, who also acts as his Personal Representative, to assist the Conference and its Presidents in organizing the Conference. As requested by the Assembly in its resolution 34/83 L , the Secretary-General provides staff, as well as the assistance and services needed by the Conference and any subsidiary bodies that it might establish, in accordance with the arrangements set out in its rules of procedure. The secretariat of the Conference consists of officers of the secretariat and the Geneva Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Mandate: final document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, paragraph 120 (resolution S-10/2) Membership: 65 government officials, including of 5 nuclear weapon States and other key militarily significant States Number of sessions in 2024: 1 session of 24 weeks conducted in 3 parts	9.2	9.2
Total			9.2	9.2

- 4.93 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$9,200 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.28.

Table 4.28

Policymaking organs: evolution of financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Non-post								
Travel of staff	2.2	9.2	—	—	—	—	—	9.2
Total	2.2	9.2	—	—	—	—	—	9.2

Executive direction and management

- 4.94 The executive direction and management component comprises the immediate Office of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, the Office of the Director and Deputy to the High Representative, the Science, Technology and International Security Unit and the Policy Coordination and Change Management Unit. The High Representative is assisted by a director who serves as Deputy. The component is responsible for the overall direction, supervision and management of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the implementation of its mandates and its approved programme of work and advises and supports the Secretary-General on all disarmament, non-proliferation, arms control and related security matters and, in that respect, represents the Secretary-General, as required. The component is also responsible for providing authoritative analysis and assessment of developments for policy guidance and decision-making purposes and acts as focal point on these matters between the Secretariat and Member States.
- 4.95 The overall responsibilities of the executive direction and management component include the following functions:
- The Office of the Director is responsible for supporting the High Representative; preparing and monitoring the implementation of the programme of work of the Office for Disarmament Affairs and ensuring efficient cooperation between the branches and the effective delivery of the programmatic mandates of the Office; preparing reports and notes on political and managerial issues; providing strategic guidance on programme implementation; and providing advice to the High Representative on all substantive, organizational, administrative, personnel and budgetary matters, including the overall coordination in the preparation and revision of the inputs of the Office to the annual programme plan and the programme budget;
 - The Science, Technology and International Security Unit provides advice to the Office of the High Representative, the Office of the Director and subprogrammes on scientific and technological issues in the context of international security, other strategic issues, including autonomous weapons, outer space, information and telecommunications technology issues, and normative and analytical research activities, in support of the priorities of the Secretary-General related to disarmament. The Unit is responsible for the preparation of political analyses and substantive background notes on a broad range of initiatives and topics within its area of expertise;
 - The Policy Coordination and Change Management Unit provides direct support to the High Representative and the Office for Disarmament Affairs on cross-cutting policy issues, and internal coordination and change management, including coordination of the mainstreaming

and inclusion of gender perspectives in the programmatic work of the Office and oversight of gender parity within the Office;

- (d) In accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 72/219, the Office for Disarmament Affairs will continue to reduce its carbon footprint by significantly reducing the usage of photocopy paper and the printing of documentation by encouraging staff to work increasingly with only electronic versions of various documents, including mission reports, assessment notes, inter-office memorandums, submissions by Member States, background materials and talking points. Additional efforts will be made to reduce travel and instead optimize participation in meetings through videoconferencing;
- (e) Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 4.29. The low compliance rate in 2022 is due mainly to the late confirmation of meetings, which is associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Travel ticket purchases will continue to be monitored closely by the Office, and reports will be shared with all branch chiefs and the High Representative for intervention, as required.

Table 4.29

Compliance rate

(Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>
Timely submission of documentation	100	100	100	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	61	24	39	100	100

- 4.96 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,467,900 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.30 and figure 4.VIII.

Table 4.30

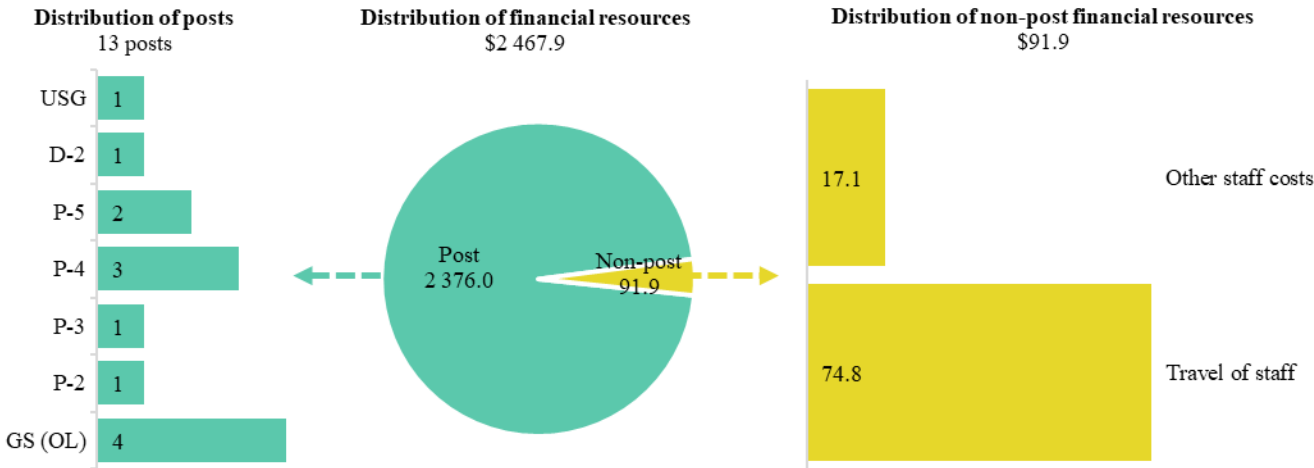
Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	2 476.1	2 376.0	—	—	—	—	—	2 376.0
Non-post	154.3	91.9	—	—	—	—	—	91.9
Total	2 630.4	2 467.9	—	—	—	—	—	2 467.9
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		9	—	—	—	—	—	9
General Service and related		4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Total		13	—	—	—	—	—	13

Figure 4.VIII
Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.97 Extrabudgetary resources for this component amount to \$35,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly for ad hoc research and analysis activities related to the overarching goals supported by the various subprogrammes.

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1

Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation

- 4.98 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$3,059,400 and reflect a decrease of \$278,200 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 4.87 (a). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.31 and figure 4.IX.
- 4.99 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/253 A](#), the resources of \$3,059,400 include a provision for a subvention in the amount of \$742,100 to UNIDIR for 2024, reflecting no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. The amount is reflected under grants and contributions and includes a provision of: (a) \$662,100 towards the costs of two posts (1 D-2 and 1 P-5) and general temporary assistance to help to organize quarterly briefings to all regional groupings on research and ideas of relevant disarmament topics to promote disarmament and non-proliferation knowledge, ideas and dialogue to a broader and more diverse community; and (b) \$80,000 to support the conduct of three events in countries that are not members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to promote disarmament and non-proliferation knowledge, ideas and dialogue to a broader and more diverse community.

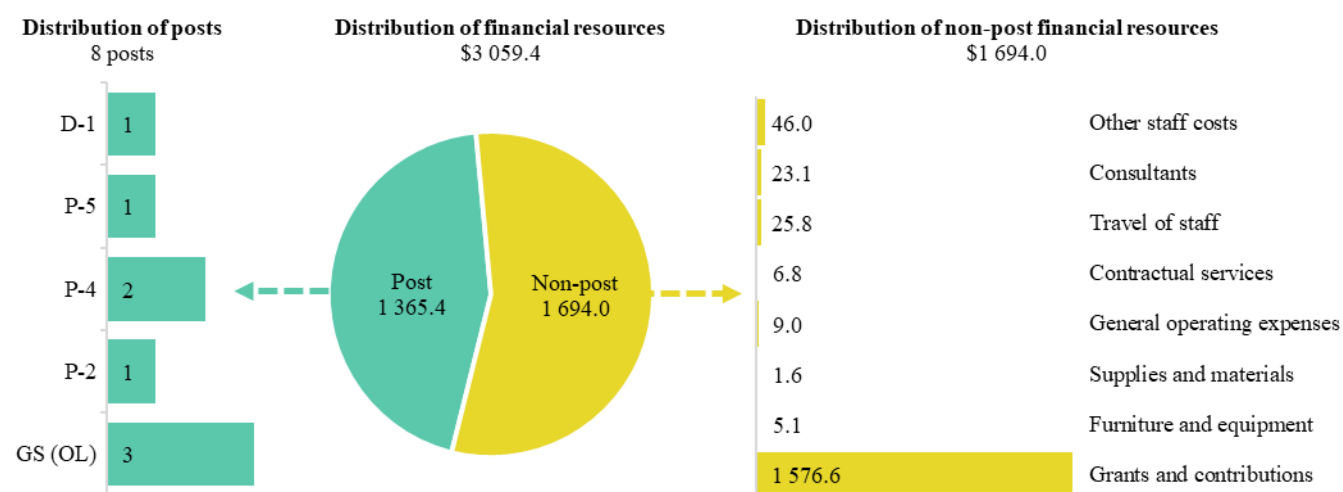
Table 4.31
Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 483.1	1 365.4	—	—	—	—	—	1 365.4
Non-post	1 554.2	1 972.2	(278.2)	—	—	(278.2)	(14.1)	1 694.0
Total	3 037.3	3 337.6	(278.2)	—	—	(278.2)	(8.3)	3 059.4
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		5	—	—	—	—	—	5
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		8	—	—	—	—	—	8

Figure 4.IX
Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.100 Extrabudgetary resources for this subprogramme amount to \$6,445,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly for the organization of official meetings relating to the Biological Weapons Convention, the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, as well as the functioning of the Biological and Certain Conventional Weapons Conventions Implementation Support Units. The increase of \$551,200 mainly reflects the projected contributions for additional staffing requirements to strengthen the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit.

Subprogramme 2

Weapons of mass destruction

4.101 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,908,200 and reflect a decrease of \$157,900 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraphs 4.87 (b), 4.88 (a) and 4.89. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.32 and figure 4.X.

Table 4.32

Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources

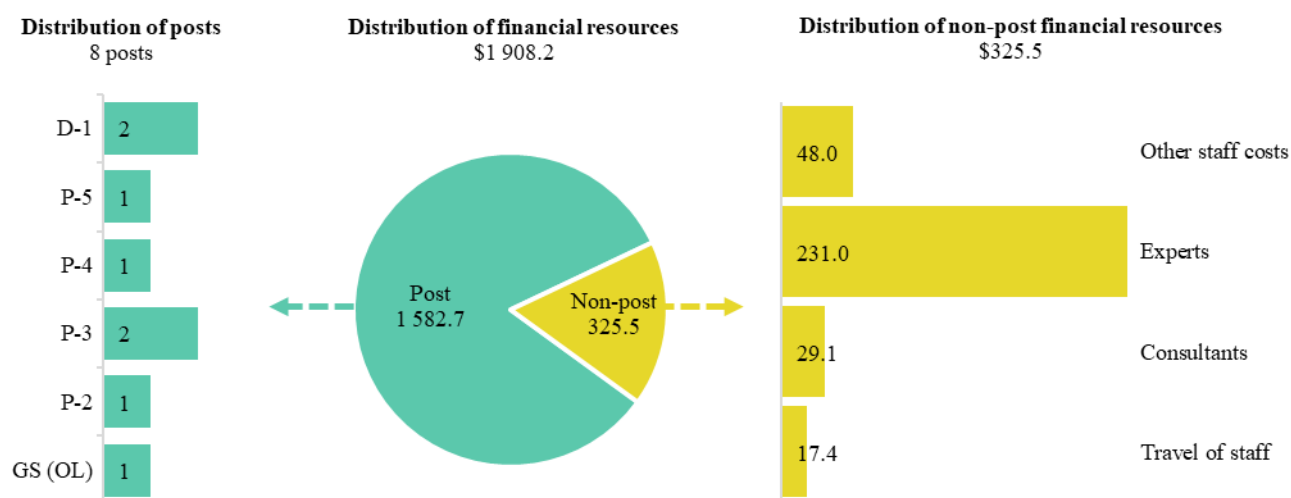
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 646.6	1 582.7	—	—	—	—	—	1 582.7
Non-post	107.5	483.4	(52.9)	4.1	(109.1)	(157.9)	(32.7)	325.5
Total	1 754.1	2 066.1	(52.9)	4.1	(109.1)	(157.9)	(7.6)	1 908.2
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		7	—	—	—	—	—	7
General Service and related		1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total		8	—	—	—	—	—	8

Figure 4.X

Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

4.102 Extrabudgetary resources for this subprogramme amount to \$5,648,600. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would mainly be used for activities to advance disarmament and non-proliferation in all aspects of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. The increase of \$413,300 mainly reflects projected

contributions to support the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the eleventh Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms

- 4.103 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,768,900 and reflect an increase of \$1,612,200 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 4.88 (b). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.33 and figure 4.XI.

Table 4.33

Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources

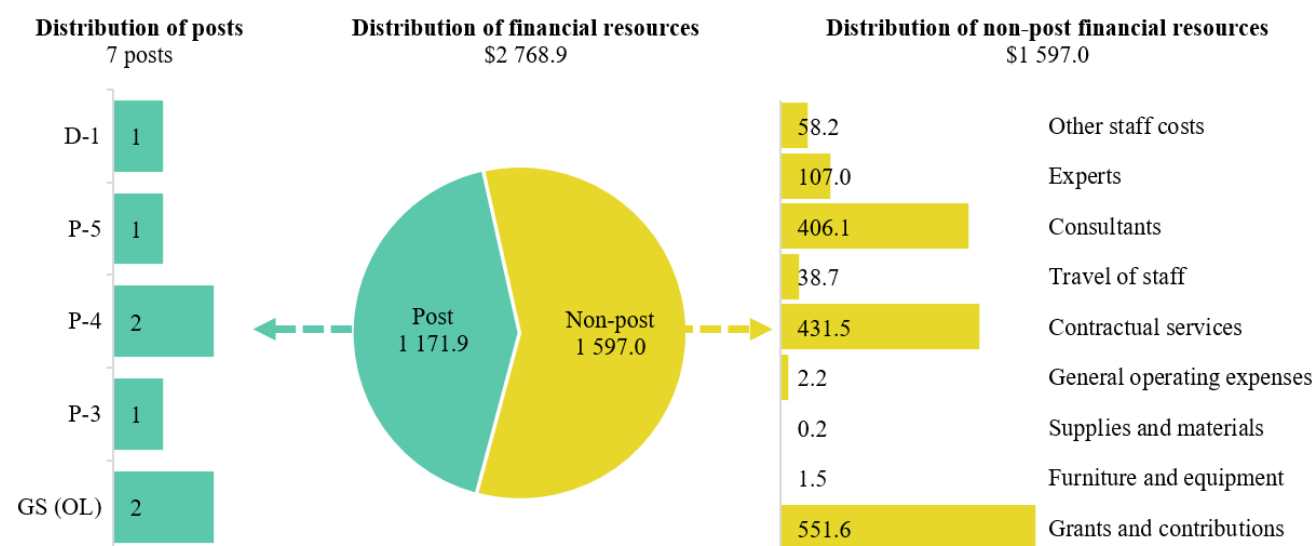
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 039.7	1 052.2	–	119.7	–	119.7	11.4	1 171.9
Non-post	352.3	104.5	–	1 492.5	–	1 492.5	1 428.2	1 597.0
Total	1 392.0	1 156.7	–	1 612.2	–	1 612.2	139.4	2 768.9
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		4	–	1	–	1	25	5
General Service and related		2	–	–	–	–	–	2
Total		6	–	1	–	1	16.7	7

Figure 4.XI

Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.104 Extrabudgetary resources for this subprogramme amount to \$5,087,300. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support implementation of gender-mainstreamed policies, programmes and actions in the fight against trafficking in and misuse of small arms, in line with the women and peace and security agenda, and to increase access to technical guidance on small arms control and ammunition management. The resources would also support conventional arms regulation activities and efforts to further the Silencing the Guns campaign in Africa. The increase of \$361,100 reflects projected contributions to support the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

Subprogramme 4 Information and outreach

- 4.105 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,513,600 and reflect an increase of \$16,100 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 4.88 (c). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.34 and figure 4.XII.

Table 4.34
Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources

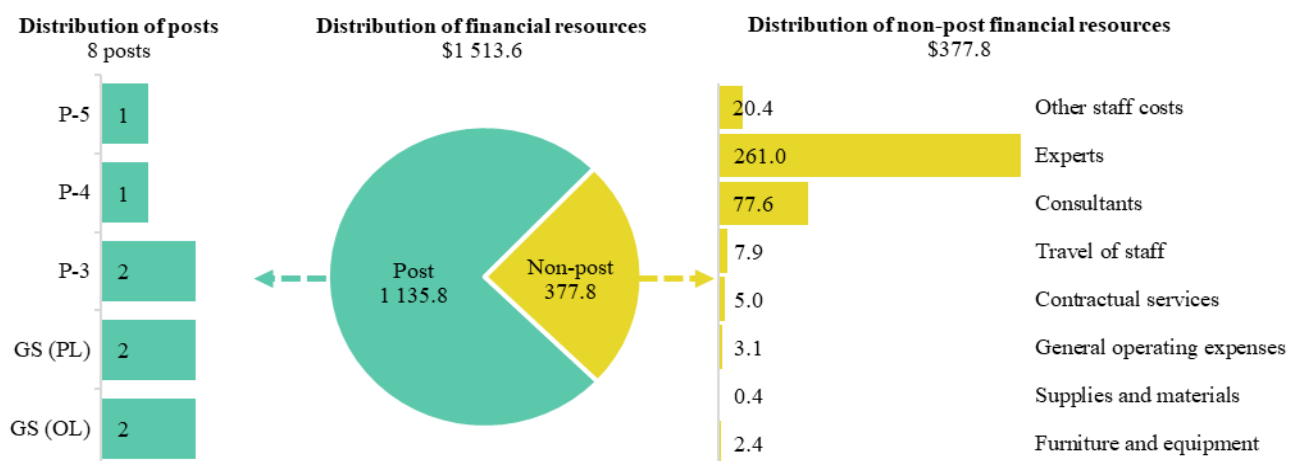
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 206.3	1 135.8	—	—	—	—	—	1 135.8
Non-post	205.4	361.7	—	16.1	—	16.1	4.5	377.8
Total	1 411.7	1 497.5	—	16.1	—	16.1	1.1	1 513.6
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		4	—	—	—	—	—	4
General Service and related		4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Total		8	—	—	—	—	—	8

Figure 4.XII

Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.106 Extrabudgetary resources for this subprogramme amount to \$671,100. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to raise awareness of disarmament issues at the global level and build technical and substantive capacity at the national and regional levels. In support of General Assembly resolution 76/45 on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation, the resources would be used to enhance partnerships and strengthen participation by a broad range of stakeholders in disarmament and the regulation of arms.

**Subprogramme 5
Regional disarmament**

- 4.107 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,814,300 and reflect an increase of \$204,800 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 4.88 (d). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.35 and figure 4.XIII.

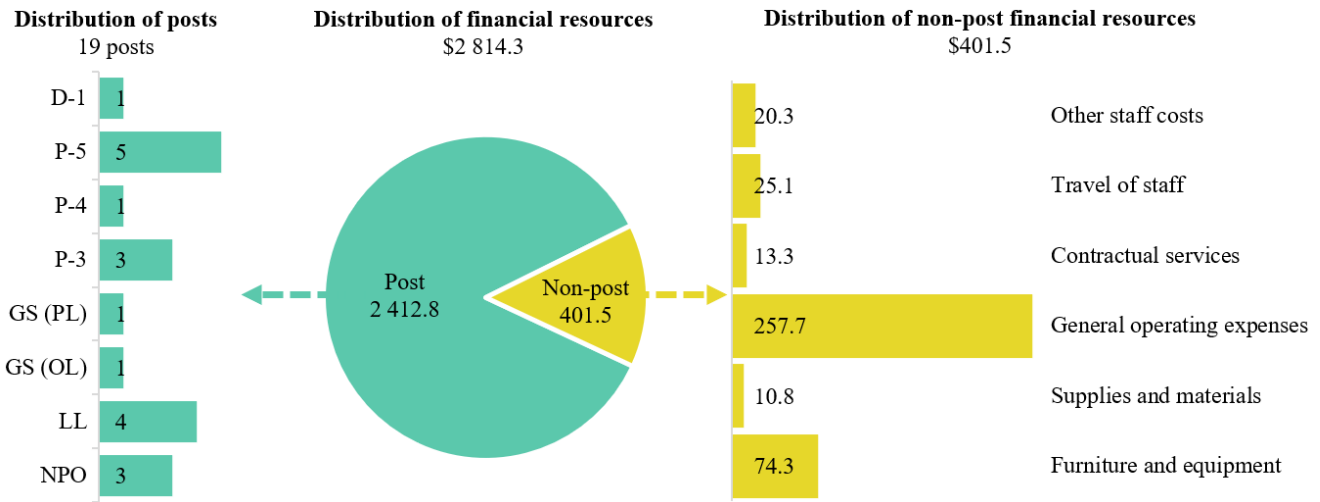
Table 4.35

Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	2 449.4	2 236.6	—	176.2	—	176.2	7.9	2 412.8
Non-post	352.8	372.9	—	28.6	—	28.6	7.7	401.5
Total	2 802.3	2 609.5	—	204.8	—	204.8	7.8	2 814.3
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		10	—	—	—	—	—	10
General Service and related		5	—	4	—	4	80.0	9
Total		15	—	4	—	4	26.7	19

Figure 4.XIII
Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)
(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

4.108 Extrabudgetary resources for this subprogramme amount to \$3,504,400. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used to support the three regional centres for peace and disarmament and to support Member States in addressing disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control issues. The resources would also contribute to the building of technical and legal capacity at the national and regional levels. The increase of \$879,400 would provide for: (a) additional staffing resources to support the Youth Leader Fund for a World Without Nuclear Weapons; and (b) activities that raise awareness of disarmament issues at the global level, build capacity through disarmament and non-proliferation education interventions and enhance youth engagement with disarmament and non-proliferation.

Programme support

- 4.109 The Executive Office provides central administrative services related to human resources and financial and general administration, including resource planning and the use of common services, together with administrative support for policymaking organs and meetings, as required.
- 4.110 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$691,300 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 4.36 and figure 4.XIV.

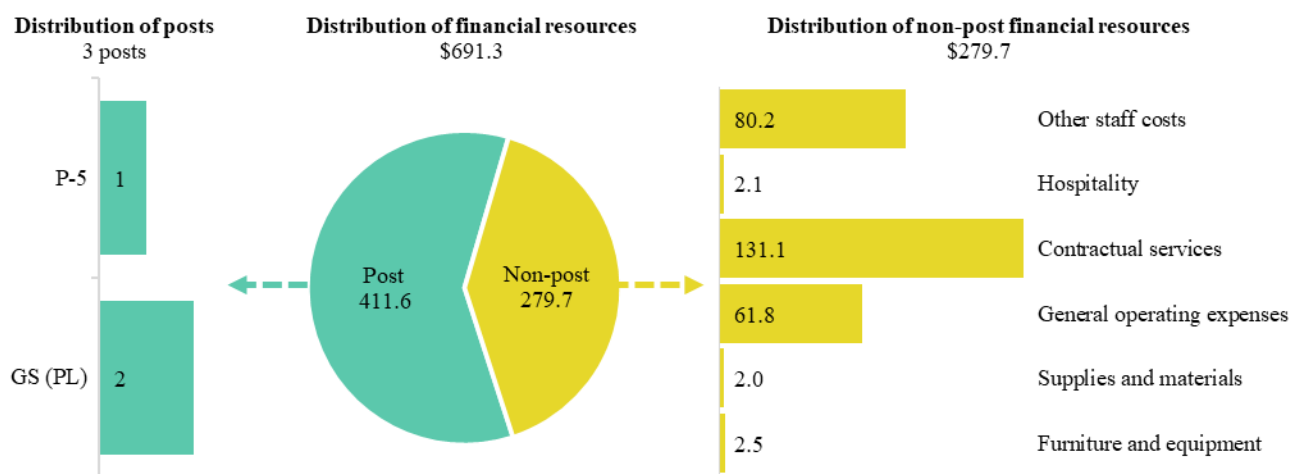
Table 4.36
Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2022 expenditure	2023 appropriation	Changes					2024 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage		
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	613.4	411.6	—	—	—	—	—	411.6	
Non-post	240.3	279.7	—	—	—	—	—	279.7	
Total	853.7	691.3	—	—	—	—	—	691.3	
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
General Service and related		2	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Total		3	—	—	—	—	—	3	

Figure 4.XIV
Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

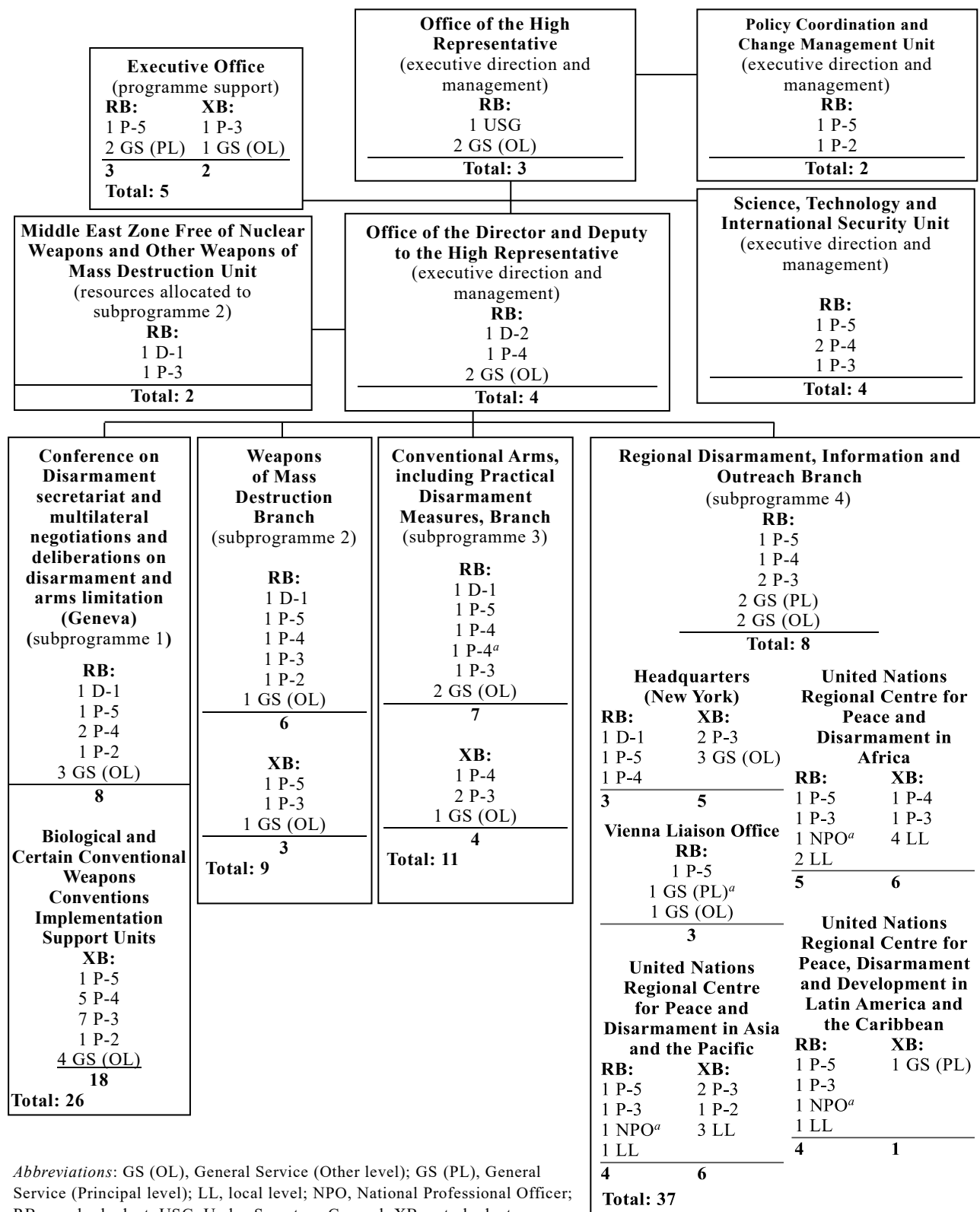


Extrabudgetary resources

- 4.111 Extrabudgetary resources for programme support amount to \$314,800. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide administrative support for all extrabudgetary-funded activities of the Office.

Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for 2024



Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); LL, local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

^a New posts.

Annex II

Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the advisory and oversight bodies

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[A/77/7](#)

The Advisory Committee reiterates its view that the established budgetary mechanism to implement unforeseen activities, including for the maintenance of peace and security, is the commitment authority granted to the Secretary-General to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. The Committee expects that the Secretary-General will provide detailed justification to the General Assembly regarding the proposed inclusion of this requirement in the programme budget at the time of its consideration of the present report and in the next programme budget submission (see also [A/76/7](#) and [A/76/7/Corr.1](#), para. II.81) (para II.83).

The Advisory Committee trusts that information on the implementation of the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme will be included in the next budget submission (para. II.91).

In accordance with this recommendation, in the 2024 budget proposal an amount of \$109,100 has been removed under experts.

In the event of an activation of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, the Secretariat will use the established budgetary mechanism for unforeseen and extraordinary expenses related to the maintenance of peace and security.

The 2022 Programme proceeded in a manner similar to that of pre-pandemic times: 24 fellows participated in the Programme, which took place for 10 weeks (the usual length). This included study visits to Geneva, Vienna, The Hague, New York, Argentina, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea and the European Union. Travel to China was cancelled owing to COVID-19-related restrictions. The e-learning aspect of the Programme was maintained and enhanced.

Annex III

Summary of proposed post changes, by component and subprogramme

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Subprogramme 3 Conventional arms	1	P-4	Establishment of Programme Management Officer (New York)	To implement the mandate provided in General Assembly resolution 77/71 , whereby the Assembly decided to establish, within the regular budget of the United Nations, a standing dedicated fellowship training programme on small arms and light weapons in order to strengthen the technical and practical knowledge and expertise of government officials directly responsible for the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons. The incumbent will act as the global programme manager and substantive lead for managing, reporting on and evaluating the fellowship training programme. The incumbent will manage, develop and update the training materials (in-person and online components) and work with the National Professional Officers to ensure the relevance of the materials. The incumbent will also take the lead in organizing and executing the training programme in Europe for beneficiaries from Europe and the Middle East.
Subprogramme 5 Regional disarmament	3	NPO	Establishment of Programme Management Officer (1 each in Lomé, Lima and Kathmandu)	To implement the mandate in General Assembly resolution 77/71 , the incumbents will assist the Directors of the Regional Centres in the regional administration of the programme and coordinate with partner training institutions. This includes tailoring the overall course material to regional contexts, identifying key technical expertise to support the training and determining the eligibility of and selecting the fellows. The incumbents will also support programme monitoring, evaluation and reporting through coordination with the Programme Management Officer in New York.
	1	GS (PL)	Establishment of Senior Programme Management Assistant (Vienna)	To implement the mandate in General Assembly resolution 77/71 , the incumbent will manage administrative and financial aspects of the execution of the programme, including monitoring budgets and managing all travel logistics for the 60 fellows on an annual basis. The incumbent will prepare printed materials and handle consultant and general contractual services. This position will be located in Vienna to best overlap with time zones across the Regional Centres and serve as the administrative point of contact for all activities.

Abbreviations: NPO, National Professional Officer; GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).